

# MOORSIDE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The transition activities across both schools started at the end of last week. We asked children to write letters to younger children, about what it's like to be in their year group. These letters should be coming home with children today. It would be lovely if you would read these letters again with your child and enjoy the information together.

I can now confirm the classroom organisation for next year. Both the Infants and Juniors are able to move to single cohort classes, which will mean no one having to be split up from year group friends. The classes will be taught as follows:

Nursery – Mrs Jackson and a new teacher to job share this post

Reception – Mrs Lodge and Mrs Goss

Year 1 – Mrs Hunton

Year 2 – Mrs Wilkinson

Year 3 – Mrs Burland and Mrs Taylor

Year 4 – Mr Price

Year 5 – Miss Ryder

Year 6 – Miss Rogan

In addition to this, the following specialist teachers will be enhancing our curriculum:

Forest School – Mrs Goss

Eco School - Mrs Taylor-Connor

Music and French – Mrs Fletcher

Art – Mr Moss

PE – Sporting Influence

### **The Early Years Foundation Stage Unit**

This year we have trialled a combined unit with Nursery and Reception working in the same area. The outcomes have been very positive and we have been pleased with the development and progress made by the children.

From September we have had to take the decision to separate the classes and set up Reception at the top end of the Infant building. This will enable the school to offer more 30 hour places. Our aim is to develop the Nursery and expand the places currently on offer. Our Nursery facility is excellent, having large, well-resourced rooms, a magical outdoor area for children to explore safely and highly effective staff. Our new Reception area also has an excellent outdoor provision and is well suited to Reception children.

### **Moorside in the Press**

Our gargoyles winner Rachael Ogier was in the Ripon Gazette and The Darlington and Stockton Times. Follow this link <http://bit.ly/2saBnGz> if you would like to read the story in full.

## Junior School Meals

Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who have managed the transition from Mellors Catering back to NYCC County Caters. They have done a terrific job. Please look out for the new menus. We really would like to encourage all our children to have a school meal, which are healthy, well balanced and very tasty.

## Abacus

w/c	Class 3	Class 2	Class 1	3/4a	3/4b	4/5	5/6	6
22.05.17	81%	57%	45%	81%	75%	48%	17%	56%
06.05.17	91%	21%	56%	38%	45%	27%	30%	41%

WELL DONE Year 1 (Mrs Lodge and Mrs Goss's class)! You really are making the most of our Abacus online resource.... I am sure it is helping you with practicing your mental maths skills!! If you are encountering any problems with logging onto Abacus at home, please contact Mrs Rowett through the admin email....we will try to help!

## Class Updates

FS2 problems related to halving

FSU – FS1 and FS2 are continuing their learning all about People Who Help Us this week. We have enjoyed role playing different jobs and are starting to plan letters to write to different people who help us. We have spoken a lot about how our Mums and Dads help us and we will be having a Father's Day celebration on Friday. Please see the sign-up sheets in the classroom and come along!

Year 1/2 – Class 1 will be working on fractions and measures in Maths. In English they will be working on Minibeast Poetry alongside their practising their spelling, grammar and punctuation. Class 2 - this week in Maths we are learning about money. In English we are writing poetry. We are looking forward to our trip to Tropical World. Class 3 – In Literacy we are learning to ask and answer questions about our trip then we will write all about it. In Maths we are consolidating our knowledge of money.

Year 3/4 – This week Y3/4 will be learning about dividing by 10 and 100 including solving problems to mastery level. In English, we will continue focusing on our speech punctuation using our historical text. In PE Y4 will continue with their Swimming lessons while Y3 will be developing their tactics for Cricket.

Year 4/5 – The children are using their understanding of how to calculate fractions in Maths to apply to solving problems this week. 'Crime and Punishment' during the Tudor era is the area that we are researching in topic. We will also be learning new vocabulary to be able to order our breakfast in French!

Year 5/6 & 6 - This week the children will be taking part in a science activity morning, 'May the Force be With You' to learn about different forces through a range of practical activities. We will also be investigating more about the Tudors to write a debate: Tudor or Today? The children will argue whether they would prefer to live in Tudor times or today - giving reasoned responses.

## Attendance

To date:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
93.94	96.75	98.01	96.91	96.43	96.43	96.83	94.73	97.05

Last week:

Reception (FS2)	Mrs Goss	Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Hunton	Mr Price	Mrs Burland	Mrs Taylor	Miss Ryder	Mrs Plummer
96.67	94.89	98.03	92.36	95.19	95.26	89.42	95.65	93.98

## Diary Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	KS1 trip to Tropical World
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Y3,4 & 5 trip to York
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Bikeability – Y6 (Group 1)
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Y6 trip to Newcastle
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11th July 2017	Bikeability – Y6 (Group 2)
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Y6 Leavers Assembly – 2.15pm
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Sports Day – time to be confirmed
25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Break up for Summer Holidays